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Natural Gas

The Chula Vista Recreation Department now offers free WiFi access at all of its recreation centers. Due to an increase in demand for WiFi services, the City's Recreation and Information Technology (IT) Departments partnered to install the free WiFi at all recreation centers including the Norman Park Senior Center. Some facilities were equipped in November, but now all nine centers are offering the service.

"Having the free WiFi access for our residents not only makes our recreational facilities more welcoming to a variety of users, it also makes our facilities more desirable for those groups wishing to rent our centers," said Buck Martin, Director of Recreation. For more information and a list of the facilities with the free WiFi access, go to www.chulavistaca.gov/rec.



CNG Fuel Station Available

In a private-public partnership, Clean Energy Fuels recently installed a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station for public use at the City's Public Works yard, 1800 Maxwell Road. CNG is a cleaner burning fuel than gasoline and diesel, which helps improve local air quality. In addition, CNG costs less than traditional fuels! Residents or businesses with CNG vehicles can utilize the new station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and use their credit cards to pay for the fuel.

To find out more about alternative fuel stations in Chula Vista and the region, check out the Department of Energy's Alternative Fueling Station Locator at www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/locator.



There are lots of fun activities planned by the Chula Vista Fire Department this month. Check it out:

Fire Station Swim-a-thon begins at 9 a.m. on March 10, registration at 8 a.m. at the South Bay Family YMCA, 1201 Paseo Magda. This event, open to all ages, requires a pledge form available at Fire Stations 2, 4, 5 or 6 and the South Bay Family YMCA.



Firefighter Challenge for kids 2-14 years old; \$20 per person. On March 10, kids have the chance to be a firefighter for the day by pulling a fire hose, crawling through the safety trailer and much more. Registration at 8 a.m.; event at 9 a.m. at Fire Station 4, 820 Paseo Ranchero. Pre-registration available through March 9 at Fire Stations 2, 4, 5 or 6 and the South Bay Family YMCA.

An **opportunity drawing** is scheduled after the Firefighter Challenge at 2 p.m. on March 10 at Fire Station 4. Some of the great prizes include a 42" TV, tools from Dixieline, and many fabulous gift cards. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets on sale now at Fire Stations 2, 4, 5 or 6 or at the South Bay Family YMCA.

All proceeds from the Firefighter Challenge, Swim-a-thon and the drawing benefit the South Bay Family YMCA "Invest in Me" campaign.

But wait, there's more! On March 31, the Chula Vista Firefighters will be hosting their Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mt. San Miguel Park at 8:30 a.m. Activities include car seat safety and child fingerprinting, arts and crafts for kids, police and fire dog demonstrations, fire equipment displays, and more. Admission is free, however, there is a limit on the number of participants. Last year over 700 kids and parents enjoyed the event. A free ticket is required to participate in the Egg Hunt, and can be picked up at any of the City's nine Fire Stations between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, please visit www.cvfirefighters.org



Upcoming Events



WARN

Save the date of Saturday, March 10 for free swim lessons for kids, water safety/CPR presentations, aquatic games and crafts, and other activities at the Water Awareness in Residential Neighborhoods (WARN) festival. Scheduled from 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Parkway Family Aquatic Center, the event is free. For more information, call (619) 691-5088.

Taste of Third & Artwalk

Take a bite out of Third Avenue at the annual Taste of Third and Artwalk on Thursday, March 15 from 4 - 8 p.m. Visit local restaurants while exploring art displayed on the sidewalks in downtown Chula Vista. Contact TAVA for more information at (619) 422-1982 or www.thirdavenuevillage.com

Energy Efficiency Home Tour

Learn about energy-saving upgrades and available rebates on Saturday, March 17. Open from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 590 Fig Avenue.

State of the City

Mayor Cheryl Cox will deliver her State of the City address on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue.

Bicycle Built for Two (and More!)

A new stretch of the Bayshore Bikeway will be dedicated on Saturday, March 24. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the corner of J Street and Bay Boulevard.

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